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VVHat lookest thou here for to haue,
Trim verses thy fansy to please?
Of Surrey (so famous) that craue,
Looke nothing but rudenesse in these.

VVhat other thing lookest thou then?
Graue sentences herein to finde?
Such Chaucer hath twenty and ten,
Yea thousands to pleasure thy mynde.

VVhat looke ye, I pray you? shewe what,
Tearmes painted with Rethorike fine?
Of makers of Englishe looke that,
But neuer in me nor in mine.

VVhat lookest thou then at the last?
Good lessons for thee and thy wyfe,
Then kepe them in memory fast,
From youth, to the last of thy life.

VVhat looke ye for more in my booke?
Things nedeful in time for to come?
Else misse I of that I do looke,
If pleasant thou findest not some.

Let house haue to fill her,
Let lande haue a tiller.

No dweller what good doth the house for to stand?
What profite vnhabited, bringeth the lande?

No labor, no meate,
No host, dye in streate.

No husbandry vsed how soone shall we sterue?
House keping neglected, what comfort to serue?

Ill father no gift,
No knoledge no thrift.

The father an vnthrift, what hope to the sonne?
The ruler vnskilful, howe quickly vndone?

As true as thy fayth,
Thus Husbandry sayth.

The praise of Husbandry.

I Seme but a drudge, yet I passe any king,
To such as can vse me great wealth I doe bring.
Since Adam first liued, I neuer did die,
When Noe was a sea man there also was I.
The earth is my store house, the sea my fishponde:
What they haue to pleasure with, is in my hande.
What hath any life, but I helpe to preserue?
What thing without me, but is ready to sterue?
In Woodland, or Champion, Citie or Towne,
If I be long absent, what falleth not downe?
If I be long present, what goodnes can want,
Though things at my comming, were neuer so scãt.
Of such as do loue me (what neede to recite)
(Yea though of ẏ poorest) whõ I make not knight
Great Kings I do succour, else wrong it would go:
The King of al Kings hath appointed it so.

To

To the right honorable and my speciall good Lorde and master the Lorde Paget of Bendesert.

TIme trieth the trueth in euery thing,
How euer man doth blase his minde:
Of workes, which best may profite bring
Men apt to iudge be often blinde.
As therefore trueth in time doth craue:
So let this booke iust fauour haue.

Take you my Lorde, and Master than,
Unlesse mischaunce mischaunceth me:
Such homely gift of me your man,
Sins more in court I may not be.
And let your prayse wonne heretofore,
Remaine abrode for euermore.

My seruing you thus understande,
And God his helpe, and yours withall,
Did cause good lucke to take myne hande,
Erecting one most lyke to fall.
My seruing you I know it was,
Enforced this to come to passe.

Since being once at Cambridge taught,
Of Court ten yeares I made assay.
No musicke then was left vnsought,
Such care I had to serue that way
My ioy gan slacke, then made I chaunge,
Expulsed mirth, for musicke straunge.

My musicke since hath ben the Plough,
Entangled with soms care among,
The gaine not great, the paine inough,
Hath made me sing another song.
Which song if well I may auowe,
No man I craue to iudge, but you.

Yower seruant Thomas Tusser.

To the Reader.

I Haue bene prayde
to ſhewe mine ayde,
in taking payne
(not for the gain,
but for good will)
to ſhewe ſuch ſkill
as ſhewe I coulde:
That huſbandry
with huſwifery
(as Cocke and Hen
to Country men)
all ſtraungneſſe gone
might ioyne in one
as louers ſhould.
I truſt both this
perfourmed is,
and how that here
it ſhall appere,
that I by proofe
to thy behoofe
haue brought to paſſe:
That ſuch as wiue,
and fayne would thriue,
may here be taught
almoſt for naught,
to iudge and ſpye
of huſbandrye
as in a glaſſe.
What ſhould I gayne,
to ſhewe in vayne
my loſſes paſt,
that ran more faſt,
than running ſtreame,
from reame to reame,
that fleeth ſo ſwift:
For that I coulde
not get for golde
to teach me howe,
as this do you,
ſo playne a way
from day to day
to come by thrift
What is a grote
(or twaine) to note,
once in thy lyfe
for man and wife,
to ſaue a pounde
in houſe and grounde
eche other weeke?
VVhat more for vvelth?
vvhat more for health?
vvhat nedeth leſſe,
runne Iacke helpe Beſſe,
to ſtay amiſſe
thou hauing this
not for to ſeeke.
I doe not craue
more thanks to haue,
than gyuen to me,
al redy be:
but this is all
that ſuch as ſhall
peruſe this booke:
That for my ſake
they gently take
vvhat ere they finde
againſt their minde,
vvhen he or ſhe
ſhall minded be
thereon to looke.

FINIS.

OF husband doth husbandry challenge that name,
of husbandrie husbande doth likewise the same.
Where huswife and huswikerie ioyneth with these,
there wealth in aboundaunce is gotten with ease.

The name of a husbande, what is it to say?
of wife and of houshold the bande and the stay.
Some husbandly thriueth that neuer had wyfe,
yet scarce a good husband in goodnesse of lyfe.

The husband is he that to labour doth fall,
the labour of him I do husbandrye call.
If thrift by that labour be any way caught,
then is it good husbrandry, else is it naught.
So houshold and housholdrye I do defyne,
for folke and the goods that in house be of thine.
Housekepyng to them as a refuge is set,
which like as it is, so report it doth get.

Thus housholde and huswykerye louers must bee,
with husband and huswife: yea further we see.
Housekeping and husbandry (if they be good)
must loue one another as cosins in bloud.

The Ladder to thrift.

1 TO take thy calling thankfully,
To shunne the path to beggery.
2 To grudge in youth no drudgery,
To come by peny luckely.

To

3 To get more to it wittily,
To kepe thy gettings couertly.

4 To spend at first but nigardly,
To lay for age continually.

5 To hearke to profyt earnestly,
To currey fauell willingly.

6 To get good plot to occupy,
To store and vse it husbandly.

7 To get good wife for company,
To liue in wedlock honestly.

8 To store thy house with housholdry
To make prouision thriftily.

9 To ioyne to wife good family,
To kepe no more but nedefully.

10 To gouerne housholde skilfully,
To suffer none liue ydely.

11 To courage wife in huswifery,
To vse wel doers gentely.

12 To buy and sell with pollicy,
To meddle not with pilfery.

13 To kepe thy touch substancially.
To make thy bonds aduisedly.

14 To vse thy neighbour neighborly,
To vse no frende deceitfully.

15 To take good hede of suerty,
To loue to liue at liberty.

16 To hate to liue vnthriftylye,
To stop thy mouth fro periurie.

17 To winne thy foe by honestye,
To vndermine his subtiltie.

18 To aunswer stranger curteously,
To kepe thy doings secretly.

19 To do thy doings orderly,
To play the subiect subiectly.

20 To trouble no man wilfully,
To hinder no man wittingly.

21 To offer no man villany,
To stay a mischieke spedilye.

22 To kepe that thine is manfully,
To liue by al men quietly.

23 To thinke wel in aduersitie,
To do wel in prosperitie.

24 To get good loue and amitie,
To helpe relieue the pouertie.

25 To kepe good hospitalitie,
To hate al prodigalitie.

26 To kepe thy selfe fro maladye,
To ease thy sicknesse spedely.

27 These be the steppes vnfaynedly,
To climbe to thrift by husbandry

1 GOd neuer sent mouth, but he sent it meate,
who doing his will euer wanted to eate:
Loue God aboue al things, who al thigs doth giue
shew loue to thy neighbour, and lay for to liue.

2 True wedlocke best is, for auoyding of sinne,
the bed vndefiled much honour doth winne.
Though loue be in chosing farre better than golde,
let loue come with somwhat the better to holde.

3 Where couples agree not is rancour and strife,
where such be together is neuer good life.
Where couples in wedlocke do louely agree,
there foyson remaineth if wisedome there be.

4 Who loketh to mary must lay to kepe house,
for loue may not alway be playing with Douse.
If children increase and no house of thine owne,
what trouble it is, to thy selfe shall be knowne.

5 Good husbands that loueth good houses to kepe,
be often full carefull when others do slepe:
To spend as they may, or to stoppe at the furst,
for running behind hand, or feare of the wurst.

6 Then count with thy cofers when harues is in,
thy cardes being tolde, how to saue or to winne.
Of tone of them both, if a sauour we smell,
house keping is godly where euer we dwel.

7 Make money thy drudge for to follow thy wark,
make Wisedome cõtroller, Good Order thy Clark,

Prouision

Prouision Cater, and Skil to be Cooke,
make Stewarde of all, penne, inke and thy booke.

8 Make hunger thy sause as a medicine for helth,
make thirst to be Butler as Phisicke for wealth.
Make Eye to be Vsher, good vsage to haue,
make barre to be Porter to stoppe out a knaue.

9 Make Husbandry Bayly, abroade to prouide,
make Huswifery dayly at home for to guide.
Make Coffer fast locked thy treasure to kepe,
make house to be sure the safer to slepe.

10 Make Bandog thy watchman to bark at a thief
make courage (for like) to be capitaine chiefe,
Make trapdore thy Bulwark, make Bel to begin,
make gunstone and arrow shew who is within.

11 The Husband he trudgeth to bring in the gaines
the Huswife she drudgeth refusing no paines.
Though Husbād without be to count ye wot what
the Huswife within is as nedeful as that.

12 What helpeth in store to haue neuer so muche,
halfe lost by ill vsage, ill huswiues and such:
So twenty lode bushes cut downe at a clap,
such hede may be taken shall stoppe but a gap.

13 With som vpon Sundaies their tables do reke,
and halfe the weke after their dinners to seke:
At no time to much, but haue alway inough,
is housholdly fare, and the guise of the Plough.

14 Eche day to be feasted what husbandry wurse!
eche day for to feast is as ill for the purse.
Yet measurely feasting with neighbors among,
shall make thee beloued and liue the more long.

15 Make handsomely all things as cause ye do see,
but build not for glory that thinkest to thee:
Who fondly in doing consumeth his stocke,
in thende for his doing doth get but a mocke.

16 Spēd none but thine own howsoeuer thou spēd
for bribing and shifting haue neuer good end.
Tythe truely for al thing, with God do not wrest,
The iust in his dealing God prospereth best.

17 At sometime to borow esteme it no shame,
if iustly thou kepest thy touche for the same.
Who quicke be to borow, and slowe be to pay,
their credit is naught go they neuer so gay.

18 Who liuing but lends! and be lended they must,
else forty yeares purchase might lye in the dust:
But craftie and naughtie that desperate are,
make many ful honest the worser to fare.

19 Use Legem pone to pay at thy day,
Oremus (to beare with thee) vse not (I say)
But Presta quesumus out at a grate,
of al other Collects, the lender doth hate.

20 Leaue Princes affaires vntalked vpon,
and tende to such doings as standeth thee on.

Although

Although that thy substance be neuer so much,
delight not in parasites, harlots, and such.

21 Kepe truely thy Sabboth the better to spede,
kepe seruaunt fro gadding but when it is nede.
Kepe Fishe day and fasting day, when they do fall,
what custome thou kepest let others kepe all.

22 Pay wekely thy workmē their housholds to fede
pay quarterly seruants to buy what they nede.
Giue garment to such as deserue and no moe,
least thou & thy wife without garment do goe.

23 Beware raskabilia slouthful to wurke,
proloyners and filchers that loueth to lurke.
Away with such lubbers so loth to take payne,
that spendeth a shilling for one peny gaine.

24 Good wife & good children are worthye to eate,
good seruant, good labourer, earneth their meate.
Good frend, and good neighbor, that fellowly gest,
with welcome at al times should haue of the best.

A hundred good poyntes of husbandrye.

¶ August.

1 *W*Hen harueſt is ended, take ship or go ride,
for saltfish and stockfish for Lent to prouide.
To buy them at first as they come to the rode,
shall pay for thy charges thou spendest abrode.

Choose

2 Choose wisely thy saltfish not burnt at the stone
buy such as be good, or else let them alone:
Get home that is bought, and go stacke it vp drye,
with pease strawe betwene it, the safer to lye.

3 (Thou going abrode) bid thy folke to make spede
to compest thy Barley lande when it is nede:
One acre well compest, excedeth some three,
thy Barne shall at harvest declare it to thee.

4 This good shalbe learned, by ryding about,
the prices of vitailes, the yeare thorowout:
Both what to be selling, and what to refraine,
and what for to buy, to be likely to gaine.

5 Though buying and selling, doth wonderful wel,
to him that hath knowledge to buy and to sell:
Yet chopping and changing I can not commend,
with knaue and his fellow, for fere of il end.

6 The rich in their bargaining nede not be taught,
of seller and buyer fro farre they be saught:
Yea here in consisteth a part of the text,
who buyeth at first hand, and who at the next.

7 At first hand he buyeth that payeth al downe,
at second that hath not so much in the towne,
At thirde hand he buyeth that al borow must,
at his hand who buyeth shal pay for his lust.

8 As oft as ye bargain for better or wurse,
let alway one bargaine remaine in thy purse.

Good

Good credit doth well, but thy credyt to kepe,
is pay and dispache him or euer ye slepe.

9 Be mindefull abrode of the Mighelmas spryng,
for thereon dependeth a husbandly thing.
Whē gētles vse walking w̄ haukes on their hands,
good Husbands by grazing do purchase their lāds.

10 Thy market dispatched turn home again round,
least gaping for peny thou losest a pound.
Prouide for thy wife (else looke to be shent)
good milchecow for winter, an other for Lent.

11 In trauailing homeward, buy .xl. good Crones,
and fat vp the bodies of those sely bones.
Leaue milking, and dry vp olde Mulley thy Cowe
the croked and aged to fatting put nowe.

12 Get down w̄ thy Brakes, ere ý showers do com,
that cattel the better may pasture haue some.
In June and in August, as well doth appeare,
is best to mowe Brakes, of al times in the yeare.

¶ Wife plucke fro thy karle, thy fimble hempe clene,
this lookyth more yellow, the other more grene.
Take this to thy vsage, leaue Michel the other,
for shoethreede, for halter, for rope and such other.

While wormwood haue seede, get a bū̄del or twain
to saue against March, to make flea to refraine.
Wher chamber is swept, & ý wormwood is strown,
No flea for his life, dare abide to be known.

¶ Get

¶ Get griest to the Mill, to haue plenty in store,
least Millers lacke water as many do more.
The meale the more yealdeth, if seruant be true,
if Miller that tolleth take none but his due.

¶ Pare Saffrō betweene the two saint Mary dais
or set, or go shift it, that knowest the waies:
What yeare will ye shift it, the better to yelde:
the fowerth in the gardeine, the thirde in the fielde.

¶ In hauing but fortie foote cunningly dight,
take Saffron enough for the house of a knight.
All winter time after (as practise doth teache)
what plot can be better thy linnen to bleache.

13 Som ploweth, som burneth their wheat stubble
some after their barley, lay wheat for to sowe. (low
Which euer thou mindest, now time it is best,
else spare it for Cattel and so let it rest.

14 Some vseth the first yeare hys fallow to make,
the next to sowe Barley the better to take:
The third yere his peason, the same yere his wheat,
then fallow againe or to pasture for neate.

15 Still crop vppon crop many farmours do take,
and gaine little money for gredynesse sake,
Though wheat after Barley a cropper be found,
no cropper count Pease but a comfort to ground.

16 Ere winter doth come while the wether is good
for gutting thy pasture, get home with thy wood.

Now

Now cary thy grauell to fill vp a hole,
thy timber, thy furzen, thy turffe, and thy cole.

17 House sedges & turffe, chip & coale of the lande,
pyle talwood and billet, stacke al that hath band.
Roote, block, pole & bough, set vpright to the thetch
the nerer more handsome in Winter to fetche.

18 At Bartilmew tide, or at Sturbridge faire,
buy al thing that nedeth thy house to repaire.
Then sell to thy profite thy butter and chese,
who selleth it sooner, the more he doth leese.

¶September.

19 Thresh sede & to fanning, ý Plough may not lie,
September doth bid you to be sowing of Rie.
Go harrow the ridges, ere euer ye strike,
this point of good husbandry Suffolke doth like.

20 Take hede to thy man in his fury and heate,
with whipstock & ploughstaff, for maiming thy neat
To thresher for hurting thy beast with his flaile,
or making thy hen to play tapple vp taile.

21 Sowe winter corne timely to follow his lust,
sowe Wheate as ye may, but sowe Rye in the dust.
Be careful for seede, or else such as you sowe,
looke iustly and surely to reape or to mowe.

22 Thy seede being sown, water forrow thy groūd,
that raine when it commeth may run away round.

Then out w̄ thy slings, with thine arrows & bows,
til ridges be greene, set a boy to kepe Crowes.

23 Sait Mighel doth bid thee, amēd thy marshwal
the brecke, & the crabhole, the forland and all.
One Noble in season, bestowed thereon,
may saue thee an hundreth, ere winter be gon.

24 Go geld with the gelder, the Ram, and the Bul,
buy Cattel for Rowen, sell Webster thy Wull.
Thy Hoppes go and gather, but not in the deawe,
and crabbes, & thy walnuts for feare of a shreawe.

¶ Now burn vp the Bees, of the Hiue that ye driue
at Midsomer driue them and saue them aliue.
Allow them one cottage set Southly and warme,
and take for thy labour twise yearely a swarme.

25 At Mighelmas safely, go stye vp thy Bore,
least mast being plenty, thou see him no more.
The leaner thou puttest thy Bore into stye,
the sounder he proueth, thys proued haue I.

26 To looke to thy mast it shal stand thee vpon,
set seruants to gather, ere mast be all gon.
Some left among bushes, shal pleasure thy swine,
for feare of a mischieke kepe Acornes fro kine.

27 For rowting thy pasture, ring Hogs thou hast
which being wel ringed, the better do fede. (nede,
The yong with the elder, wil euer kepe best,
then yoke wel the greatest and fauour the rest.

Yoke

28 Poke neuer thy swine, whyle ý Acornes do last,
for diuers misfortunes, that happen too fast.
Or if that thou louest hole eare on thy Hogge,
giue eye to thy neighbour, and eare his dogge.

29 The moone in the wane, gather fruit on the tree
lesse shaken more profit, for graffe, and for thee.
But Nichers that loue not to buy nor to craue,
make some gather sooner, else fewe for to haue.

¶October.

30 THy Rie in ý groūd while Septēber doth last,
October for Wheat sowing, calleth as fast.
What euer it cost thee, what euer thou geue,
haue done sowing Wheate, before Hallomas eue.

31 Get vp with the Barley land, dry as ye can,
when euer ye sowe it, so looke for it than.
Get alway before hande, be neuer be hynde,
least Winter preuenting, do hinder thy minde.

32 Sow Acorns ye owners, that Timber do loue,
let Hawes be sowen with them the better to proue,
If cattel or Cony, may come for to croppe,
no sooner Oke commeth, but of goeth his toppe.

33 When raine wil not let thee be doing abrode,
get Flaile into Barne, and to threshing good lode,
Tresh clene bid ý threshers, though lesser they yarne
and (looking to thriue) haue an eye to the Barne.

34 If house rowme wil serue thee, lay stouer vp dry
and enery sort by it selfe let it lye:
Or statke it for Litter if rowme be to poore,
and thetch out the residue for noying thy doore.

¶ Nouember.

35 AT Hallomas slaughter time entereth in,
& then doth the husbandmans feasting begin.
From that time to shrouetide, kill now & then some,
their offall for housholde the better shal come.

36 Both Barley & Bullimong, thresh out to Mault
let Malter be cunning, else lose it thou shalt.
Thincrease of a Seame, is a bushel for store,
the Barly is bad or some filcheth the more.

37 To winnow or fan, which is better we swerue,
but casting is best if the flower wil serue.
For Seede go and cast it, for Mault do not so,
but get out the Cockle, and so let it go.

38 Thresh Barley (as yet) but as nede shal require,
fresh threshed for stouer, poore beast doth desire.
And therefore that threshing forbeare as ye can,
til Candelmas come, for to geue it them than.

39 Saue Chaff of thy Barly, thy wheat & thy Rie,
from Byrd and from foystnesse where it doth lye.
First pike out the Fethers, and sift out the Dust,
then geue it thy Horses when labour they must.

Once

40 Once euery weke, go make vp thy flower,
though slougthful, and pũfuet therat do lower.
Take Tub for a season, take Sacke for a shift,
yet soller for Grayne, is the best for thy thrift.

¶Set Gardeine Beanes after S. Edmond ý king,
the Moone in the wane, thereon hangeth a thing.
Thincrease of a gallon wel proued of some,
shall pleasure thy housholde, or Pescod do come.

41 (For Easter) at Martilmas hang vp a Beefe,
for Pease fed & stall fed, play picke purse the theefe.
With that & such like, ere and grasse beefe come in,
thy folke shall looke cherely, when others loke thin.

42 When plowing is done (and no pasture to eate)
then stable thy Plough horse, & tend thẽ with meat.
Let season be dry when ye take them to house,
for daunger of nittes, or for feare of a louse.

¶December.

43 When Frost wil not suffer to dyke or to hedge
then get thee an heat wõ thy Betle & wedge.
Once Hallomas come, and a fyer in the Hall,
such slyuers do well, for to lye by the wall.

44 Get grinstone & whetstone to sharpen thy toole,
or els go and loyter, or let lyke a foole.
A Whelebarow also be sure for to haue:
at hand of thy seruant thy Compest to saue.

Geue

45 Geue cattel their fodder, the plot dry & warme,
and count them for mayring, or other lyke harme.
Yong Coltes with thy wennels together go serue,
least lurched by others, they happen to sterue.

46 The racke I commend for the sauing of dong.
so set as the olde can not mischiefe the yong.
If tempest be great, or the winde in the East,
warme bath vnder hedge, is a comfort to beast.

47 Get trusty to serue them, not lubberly squire,
that loueth al day to hang nose ouer fier.
Nor trust not to children thy cattel to feede,
but serue them let such as may helpe at a neede.

48 Serue first out the Rye straw, thē wheat & then
then ote straw, thē barly, thē hay if ye please. (pease
But serue thē with hay, while the straw stouer last,
they loue no more straw, they had rather to fast.

48 Yoakes, forkes, & the like let thy seruant spy out
and gather the same as he walketh about.
And after at leysure let this be his hyre,
to beath them, & make them, at home by the fyre.

50 As wel at the ful of the Moone, as at the change
sea rages in Winter, be often full straunge.
Then looke to thy marches, if doubt be to fray,
for feare of Ne forte driue cattel away.

51 Good fruit & good plenty, doth wel in thy lofte,
then make thee an Orchard and cherishe it oft.

For

For plant, and for stocke, lay afore hand to cast,
but set, or remoue it ere Christmas be past.

52 Set one from another ful twenty foote wide,
to stand as he stoode, is a part of his pride.
The fayrer gotten, is best as ye knowe,
the deper ye set it, more likely to growe.

53 Ere Twelfetide be gon, let thy horse be let blood
for diuers intents, it shal do them much good.
The day of Saint Stephen, olde husbands did vse
if that do mislike thee, some other day chuse.

A Digression.

LEaue husbandry sleeping a while ye must do,
to learne of housekeping a lesson or two.
What euer is sent thee, by trauaile and paine,
a time there is lent thee, to spend it againe.
Though thou dost defend it vnspent for to be,
another shal spend it, no thanke vnto thee.
How euer we climbe to accomplishe the minde,
we haue but a time, thereof profyt to finde.

A description of time and the yeare.

OF God to thy doings a time there is sent,
which endeth with time, that in doing is spent,
For time is it selfe, but a time for a tyme,
forgotten full soone, as the tune of a chime.

In spring time we reare, we do sow, set, & plant,
in Sommer get vittels, least after we want.
In harvest we cary in corne and the fruite,
in Winter to spend as we nede of eche sute.

The yeare I compare as I finde for a trueth,
the Spring vnto childhode, the Summer to youth.
The Harvest to manhode, the Winter to age,
all quickly forgot, as a Play on a Stage.

Time past is forgotten, ere men be aware,
time present is thought on with wonderful care.
Time comming is feared, and therefore we saue,
yet oft ere it come we be gon to the graue.

A description of lyfe and ryches.

WHo liuing, but dayly discerne it he may,
how lyfe as a shadow doth vanysh away.
And nothing to count on so sure and so iust
as surely to dye, and to turne into dust.

The landes and the riches that here we possesse,
be none of our owne, if a God we professe.
But lent vs of him, as his Talent of Golde,
which being demanded who can it withholde.

God maketh no writing that iustly doth say,
how long we shall haue it, a yere or a day:
But leaue it we must (howsoeuer we liue)
when deth shal come pluck vs frō hence by the sleue.

To death we must stoupe, be we high, be we lowe,
but how, and how sodeinly, fewe be that knowe.
what cary we then but a sheete to the graue,
to couer this carkas, of al that we haue.

A description of housekeping.

WHat then of this talent, while here we remaine,
but study to yelde it to God with a gaine.
And that shall we do, if we do it not hide,
but vse and bestow it, as God doth vs bid.

What good to get ryches by breakyng of sleepe,
but (hauing the same) a good house for to kepe?
Not only to bring a good fame to thy doore,
but also the prayer to winne of the poore.

Of al other doings house keping is chiefe,
for alway it helpeth the poore with reliefe.
The neighbor, the straunger, & al that haue nede,
which causeth thy doings the better to spede.

Though hearken to this we should euer among,
yet chiefly at Christmas of all the yeare long.
Good cause of that vse may appere by the name,
though such as know least disaloweth the same.

A description of Christmas.

OF Christ cõmeth Christmas, the name wo the feast
a time full of ioy to greatest and least.

At Christmas was Christ (our sauiour) borne.
the world through sinne altogether forlorne.

At Christmas the day doth begin to take length,
of Christ our faith doth begin to take strength.
As Christmas is onely a figure or trope,
so onely in Christ is the strength of our hope.

At Christmas we banket, the riche with the poore,
who then (but the Miser) but openeth his doore.
At Christmas of Christ, many Carols we sing,
and geue many giftes in the ioy of that king.

At Christmas in Christ, we reioyce and be glad,
as onely of whom our comfort is had.
At Christmas we ioy altogether with mirth,
for his sake that ioyed vs al with his birth.

A description of apt time to spende.

LEt such (so fantastical) liking not this,
(nor nothing else honest, that auncient is)
Geue place to the time that so apt we do see,
appointed of God, as it seemeth to be.

At Christmas good husbands haue corn in ẏ grould
in Barne and in soller worth many a pound.
Things plentye in house (beside Cattel and sheepe)
al sent them (no doubt on) good houses to keepe.

At Christmas the hardnesse of Winter doth rage,
a nipper of al thing in euery age:

Then

Then lightly poore people, the yong with the olde,
be sorest oppressed with hunger and colde.

At Christmas by labour is little to get,
that wanting, the poore man in daunger is set.
What better a time than of al the whole yeare,
thy nedy poore neighbour to comfort and cheare.

Against fantasticall scrupleneſſe.

AT this & at that thing some make a gret matter,
som help not, but hinder the poore w̃ their clatter
Take custome frō feasting what commeth then last
where one hath a dinner, a thousand shal fast.

To dog in the maunger, some liken I coulde
that hay will eate none, nor let other that would,
Some scarce in a yeare geue a diner or two,
nor well can abide any other to do.

Play thou the good felow and hearken to me,
hate none that be honest, though mery they be.
For often time sene, no more very a knaue,
than he that doth counterfait most to be graue.

Christmas husbandly fare.

GOod husband & huswife now chiefly be glad,
things hādsome to haue as they ought to be had,
They both do prouide against Christmas do come,
to welcom their neighbors, good chere to haue som.

Good bread and good drinke, a good fier in the hall
brawne pudding & souse & good mustarde withal.
Biefe, mutton, & Porke, and good Pies of the best,
pig, veale, goose & capon, and Turkey wel dressed:
Chese, apples and nuttes, & good Caroles to heare,
as then, in the cuntrey is counted good cheare.

What cost to good husbande is any of this?
good housholde prouision onely it is.
Of other the like, I do leaue out a meny,
that costeth the husband neuer a peny.

At Christmas be mery and thankfull withal,
& feast thy poore neighbour the great with ý smal.
Yea al the yeare long to the poore let vs giue,
Gods blessing to haue here as long as we liue.

Ianuary.

54 When Christmas is ended, bid feasting adew,
go play the good husband, thy stock to renew.
Be mindeful of rearing, in hope of a gaine,
dame profite shall geue thee rewarde for thy paine.

55 Who both by his calfe & his lamb wil be known
may well kil a Neate, and a Shepe of his owne.
And he that wil reare vp a Pig in his house,
hath cheaper his Bacon, and sweter his Souse.

56 Who eateth his veale, pig & lambe being froath,
shal thrise in a weeke go to bed without broath.

Vnskilfull

Unskilful that passe not, but sell away sell,
shal neuer kepe house where euer they dwel.

57 Be gredy in spending and carelesse to saue,
and shortly be nedy and redy to craue.
Be wilful to kill and vnskilfull to store,
and neuer looke long to kepe house any more.

58 Lay dirt vpon heapes faire yarde to be sene,
when frost will abide, into fielde with it clene.
In winter a fallow some lone to bestowe,
where Pease for the pot they intend for to sowe.

59 In making or mending (as nedeth) thy ditche,
get set to quick set it, learne cunningly which.
In hedging (where clay is) get Stake as ye know
of Popler and Sallow, for fewel to grow.

60 Leaue killing of Cony, let Doe go to Bucke,
and vermine thy burrow for feare of ill lucke.
Fede Doue (no more killig) old Doue house repair
saue Douedōg for Hop yard, in making holes faire.

¶ Dig Gardein, stroy Malow now may ye at ease,
and set (as a daintie) thy runcifall Pease.
Go cut and set Roses the best to be got,
of al the yeare long, better time there is not.

61 In time go and bargaine least worser do fall,
for fewell, for making, for cariage and all.
To buy at the stub, is the best for the buyer,
more timely prouision, more cheaper the fyer.

Some

62 Some burneth a load at a time in his Hall,
some neuer leaue burning til burnt they haue all.
Some making hauocke without any wit,
make many poore soules without fyer to sit.

63 From Christmas, till May be well entered in,
all cattel war faint, and looke poorely and thin,
But when as the prime grasse, at first doth appere,
then most is the daunger of all the whole yeare.

¶ Calues faire, that com betwene Christmas & Lēt
take huswife to rere, or else after repent.
Of such as do fall betwene chaunge & the prime,
no rering, but sell, or go kill them in time.

¶ House Calfe, and go suckle it twise on a day,
and after a while set it water and hay.
Stake ragged to rubbe on, no such as will bend,
then weane it (wel tended) at fifty daies end.

¶ The senior weaned, his yonger shal teache,
both how to drink water, and hay for to reach.
More strokē, more made on, whē ought they do aile
more gentle ye make them, for yoke or the paile.

64 Fōg brome or good pasture, thy ews do require
warme barth and in safety their Lambs do desire.
Looke often well to them for Foxes and dogges,
for pits and for brimbles, for vermine and hogges.

65 Geld bificalfe and ram lambe, as sone as they fal
for therein is lightly no daunger at all,

Some

Some spareth the tone for to pleasure the eye,
to haue him shew great when ý butcher shall buy.

¶ Sowes ready to farow, this time of the yere,
are for to be made on and counted full deare.
For now is the losse of a fare of thy Sowe,
more great than the losse of two calues of thy Cow

¶ Of one Sowe at once rere few aboue fiue,
and choose of the fairest and likest to thriue.
Ungelt of the best kepe a couple for store,
One Bore pig, one Sow pig, that sucketh before.

66 Geld vnder the dame within fortnight at least,
and saue both thy money and life of thy beast,
Geld later with gelders as many one do,
and looke of a dozen to geld away two.

67 Thy Coltes for the saddle geld yong to be light,
for Cart do not so, if thou iudgest aright.
Nor geld them, but when they be lusty and fat,
for there is a point to be learned in that.

68 Geld Fillies but tittes, ere & nine daies of age,
they dye else of gelding, else many do rage.
But Fillies most likely, of bulke and of bone,
kepe such to bring Coltes, let their gelding alone.

69 For gayning a trifle, sell neuer thy store,
what ioy to acquaintance, what pleasureth more.
More larger of body the better for brede,
more forward of growing, the better they spede.

70 A Cowe good of milke that is faire and sound,
yerely for profite as good is as a pounde.
And yet by the yeare haue I proued ere now,
as good to the purse, is a Sowe as a Cowe.

71 Kepe one and kepe both with as litle a cost,
then al shalbe saued, and nothing be lost.
Both hauing together, what profite is taught,
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¶ Go looke to the Bees if the Hiue be to light,
set water and hony together well dight.
Put strawes in a dishe to the same in the hyue,
from daungers a number ye saue them aliue.

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will breake vp his Lay, or be sowing of Otes.
Otes sowen in January lay by the wheate,
in May buy thy Hay for thy cattle to eate.

February.

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the lenger thou tariest (for profit) the wurse.
If one peny vantage be therein to saue,
of Coastman or Flemming now loke it to haue.

74 Thy Uines and thy Osyers cut and go set,
if Grape be vnpleasant a better to get.
Feede Swan, and go make her vp strongly a nest,
for feare of a flood, good and highe is the best.

75 Go eare in thy stubble, take timely thy season,
be sowing of Beanes, thy Tares, and thy Peason.
The sooner thou sowest, the sooner they come,
and better for houshold they fill vp a rome.

76 White peason, both good for the pot & the purse
by sowing too timely proue often the wurse.
Because they be tender and hateth the colde,
proue March ere ye sow them, then may ye be bold.

77 In euery greene, if the fence be not thine,
go stub vp the bushes, the grasse to be fine.
Else neighbour will dayly so hacke them beliue,
that neither thy grasse, nor thy bushes shall thriue.

78 Go lop for thy fewel, thy pollengers growen,
that hindreth the corne, or the grasse to be mowen.
In lopping and cropping, saue edder and stake,
thine hedges, where neede is to mende or to make.

79 In lopping olde Iocham, for feare of mishap,
leaue one bough vnlopped to cherishe the sap.
The second yere after then boldly ye may,
for hindring his felowes, that bough cut away.

80 The stickes & the stones, go & gather vp clene,
for hurting thy Sithe, or for harming thy glene.
For walkers by Moone shine get home with ý rest.
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be skilful and carefull for sauing the spring.

Leaue topping of timber for making of wast,
least landlord by law, doo auoide thee in hast.

82 Spare medows at shrofetide, thy marshes at pask
for feare of dry Summer no longer time aske.
Then hedge them & dich thē, bestow theron pence,
corne, medow, and marshes, craue euer good fence.

83 Frend, alway let this be a part of thy care,
for shift of good pasture, lay pasture to spare.
Then seauer thy grounds, and so keping them still,
find cattel at ease, and haue pasture at will.

84 Kil crow, pye, & caddow, rooke, bussard, & rauen,
or else go desire them to seeke a newe hauen,
In scalling the yong for to pluck of his becke,
beware how thou scalest for breaking thy necke.

¶Marche.

85 SOwe Barley in March, and in April & May,
the latter in sand and the sooner in claye.
What worser for Barley, then wetnesse and colde?
what thing to take time when a man may be bolde?

86 Kepe Crowes and go harrow it finely as dust,
then woorkmanly trench it, and fence it ye must.
This season wel handled, set sowing an ende,
and praise & pray God, a good harnest to sende.

87 Sow wheat in a measure, sowe Rie not to thin,
let Beanes and thy Peason be scattered in.

Sow

Sow Barley & Otes good and thick, do not feare,
land looketh for seede, or the weede for to beare.

88 Otes Barley and Pease, harow after ye sow,
for Rie harrow first (not after I trowe.)
Leaue Wheate litle clod for to couer his head,
that after a frost he may forth and go spread.

89 In March is good graffing, ý skilful doth know
as long as the winde in the East doth not blow.
From Noone being changed, til past be the prime,
for graffing and cropping is excellent time.

90 Thinges sowen set, or planted, ý greatest & least,
defend against tempest the birde, and the beast.
Defended shal prosper, the tother is lost,
the thing with thy labour, the time and the cost,

¶ In Marche and in Aprill, from morning to night,
in sowing and setting good huswiues delight.
To haue in their Gardeine or other like plot,
to trim vp their house, and to furnish their pot.

¶ The vertue of herbes dame Phisicke doth shewe,
time teacheth them al to be knowen, saue a fewe.
To set or to sowe, or once sowne to remoue,
how this should be learned, by practise go proue.

¶ Good Parsneps & Mellons, all Winter & Lent,
Beanes plenty in July, saue fishe to be spent.
those hauing with pottage the belly full than,
thou winest the hart of the labouring man.

Aprill.

FRom Aprill begin to saint Andrew be past,
so long with good huswiues their dairies do last.
Good leaze & good pasture, good husband prouide,
the residue good huswiues know how for to guide.

¶ Such huswiues as know not to make their own
w̃ trustig of others haue this for their fees. (cheese
Milk slapped in corners, creame slabbred and lost,
milk pan so nigh slot, that the cheses be lost.

¶ Where some of a Cowe, do make yerely a pound,
with these sielу huswiues, no peny is found.
The seruants rebuked for that they haue donne,
with one thing or other away they do ronne.

¶ Then neighbour for god sake, if any you see,
good seruant for dairy, helpe wane her to mee.
Such master such mã, & such mistresse such maide,
such husband and huswife, such houses araide.

91 Sell barke to the Tanner ere timber ye fell,
fell low by the ground, or else do ye not well.
In breaking saue croked for milles & for shippes,
and euer in hewing saue Capenters chippes.

Maye.

92 Frõ May til October leaue cropping, lern why,
in wood sere what euer thou croppest wil dye.

Where

Where Iuie embraceth the tree very sore,
kill Iuie, or else tree will adie no more.

¶ Good flaxe & good hemp, for to haue of her owne
good huswife in May wil see it be sowne.
And afterward trim it to serue at a nede,
the kimble to spinne, and the karle for her seede.

¶ The knowledge of stilling is one pretty feate,
the waters be holsome, the charges not great.
What timely thou gettest, while Summer doth last
thinke Winter wil helpe thee to spend it as fast.

¶ In may is good sowing, thy buck or thy frank,
that blacke is as Pepper, and smelleth so rank.
It is to thy land, as a comfort or mucke,
and all thing it maketh as fat as a bucke.

93 At Philip and Iacob, go put of thy lambes,
that thinketh to haue any milke of their dammes.
At Lammas leaue milking for feare of a thing,
least Requiem eternam in Winter they sing.

94 To milke and to folde them is much to require,
except thou haue pasture to fill their desire.
The nightes being short, such hede ye may take,
not hurting their bodies, much profite to make.

Fiue ewes to a Cow milke, go proue by a score,
shall double thy dayry, else trust me no more.
Yet may a good huswife, that knoweth the skill,
haue mixt or vnmixt, at her pleasure and will.

95 Greedy

95 Gredy of gaine ouer lay not thy ground,
and then shall thy cattel be lusty and sound.
But pinch thē of pasture, while Sommer doth last,
and plucke at their tailes, ere and Winter be past.

96 To grasse w̄ thy calues in som medow plot nere,
where neuer their mothers may see them nor here:
Where water inough is, and barth to sit warme,
and looke well vnto them for taking of harme.

97 Pinch wennels at no time of water or meate,
if euer ye hope for to haue them good neate.
In Sommer at all times, in Winter in frost,
if cattel lacke drink, they be vtterly lost.

¶ From May to mid August, from dinner to two,
let Patche sleepe a snatch howsoeuer ye do.
Though sleping one hower refresheth among,
yet trust not Hop grouthed for sleping to long.

98 In May at the furdest twy falow thy land,
much drowt may else after cause plough for to stand
This tilth being done, thou hast passed the wurst,
then after who ploweth, plough thou w̄ the furst.

99 Get home with thy fewel mede redy to fet,
the sooner, the easier, cariage to get.
Take hede to thy Bees, that be redy to swarme,
the losse thereof now is a crownes worth of harme.

¶ Iunc.

In

100 IN June get a wedehoke, & a knife & a gloue,
& wede out such wedes as ỳ corn doth not loue
Slack neuer thy weding, for dearth nor for cheape,
the corne shal reward it, or euer ye reape.

101 The May wede doth burn, & the thistle do freat
the tune pulleth downward the Rie & the Wheat.
The Docke and the Brake, noy corne very much,
like Boddle to Barley, no wede there is such.

102 Wash shepe (for the better) wher water doth rũ
and let them go clenly (and dry) in the Sunne.
Then share them and spare not, at two dais an end,
the sooner the better, their corps wil amend.

103 Reward not thy shepe whẽ thou takest his cote
with two or three patches as brode as a grote.
Let no such vngentlenesse happen to thine,
least flye with his gentlenes make it to pine.

104 Let lambs go vnclipped till June be half worn
the better their coates wil be growen to be shorne.
The Pye will discharge thee for pulling the rest,
the lighter poore shepe is, then fedeth it best.

105 At midsommer down w̃ thy brimbles & brakes,
and after abrode with thy forkes and thy rakes.
Set mowers a work, while ỳ medows be growen,
the lenger (now) standing, the worsse to be mowne.

106 Prouide of thine own to haue al thing at hand
least worke & the workmã, vnwroughten do stand.

Loue

Loue seldome to borow, that thinkest to saue,
for he that once lendeth, twise looketh to haue.

107 Good husbãds that lay to saue al thing vpright
for tumbrels and cartes haue a shed redy dight.
A store house for trinkets as close as a iayle,
that nothing be wanting the worth of a nayle.

108 Thy cartes would be searched without & win,
wel clouted and greased ere hay time begin.
Thy hay beig carted, though Carters had sworne,
cartes bottome well boorded, is sauing of corne.

¶Iuly

109 GO muster thy seruants be captayne thy selfe,
prouiding them weapon, & other like pelfe
Get bottels and wallets, kepe field in the heate,
the feare is not much, but the daunger is great.

110 With tossing and raking and setting on cockes,
grasse lately in swathes is hay for an Oxe.
That done, go and Cart it and haue it away,
the battaile is fought, ye haue gotten the day.

111 Let haye be well made, or auise els a vous,
for moulding in goef, or for fyering thy house.
Lay coorsest asyde for the Oxe and the Cowe,
the finest for shepe, Calfe and Gelding allowe.

112 Then down with thy hedlonds the corne about
leaue neuer a dalop vnmowne and had out.

Though

Though grasse be but thin about barley & pease,
yet picked vp clene, it shal do thee great ease.

113 Thry fallow betime for destroyng of weede,
least Thistle and Dock fal to blowing and seede.
Such season may chance, it shal stand thee vpon,
to till it againe ere the Summer be gon.

114 Thy houses and barnes would be looked vpon,
and al thing amended ere harvest come on.
Things thus set in order at quiet and rest,
shal furder thy harvest and pleasure thee best.

115 Sait James doth aduise to get reapers in hād,
the corne being ripe doth but shed if it stand.
Be thankful and sauing what euer is sent,
God sendeth the same for none other intent.

116 Graunt harvest Lord more by a peny or two,
to call on his felowes the better to do.
Giue reapers thy larges, a larges to crye,
and alwaies to loyterers haue a good eye.

117 Repe wel, scater not, gather clene that is shorne
binde fast, shock a pace, haue an eye to thy corne.
Lode safe, carry home, follow time being faire,
golfe iust in the barne, it is out of dispaire.

118 In goeuing at harvest, learne skilfully how,
eche graine for to lay by it selfe on a mow.
Sede barley, and peason golfe out of the way,
all other nigh hand golfe as iust as ye may.

119 Corne caried, let such as be poore go and gleane
and after let cattel go mouse it vp cleane.
then spare it for pasture till Rowen be past,
to lengthen thy dayry no better thou hast.

120 All harvest time, harvest folke, seruants and all,
must make altogether good cheare in thy Hall.
Go fill them the blacke boll of bleeth to their song,
and let them be mery al harvest time long.

121 Once ended thy harvest let none bee beguilde,
please such as did help thee, man, woman, & childe.
Thus doing (with alway such helpe as they can)
thou winnest the name of a husbandly man.

Now think vpon God, let thy tong neuer cease,
in thanking of him for his mightie encrease.
Accept my good will, for a proofe go and trye,
the better thou thriuest, the gladder am I.

¶ Of all thyng this seemeth the summe,
one going, another to come.

World lasting looke neuer to lin,
yeare ended againe to beginne.
Who looketh to wealth to attaine,
Must trauaile againe and againe.
Good therefore it is (as I say)
prouiding for age, while we may.

¶ Ianuary.

euery moneth.

11 ¶Ianuary A kindely good Ianuere,
freaseth potte by the fier.

12 ¶February Fill(Feuerill)dike,
with what thou dost like.

1 ¶Marche. Marche dust to be solde,
worth raunsomes of golde

2 ¶Aprill Swete Aprill showers,
do spring the May flowers.

3 ¶May. Colde May and a windy,
makes Barns fat & kindy

4 ¶Iune Calme weather in Iune,
corne setteth in tune.

5 ¶Iuly No tempest good Iulye,
least al things looke ruly.

6 ¶August Dry August and warme,
doth harvest no harme.

7 ¶September September blowe softe,
till fruite be in loft,

8 ¶October October good blast,
to shake the Hog mast.

9 ¶Nouember Nouember take flaile,
let ship no more saile.

10 ¶December Oh dirtye December,
for Christmas remember.

¶ Comparing good husband with vnthrift his brother, the better descerneth the tone from the tother.

1 ILL husbandry braggeth to go with the best,
good husbãdry baggeth vp golde in his chest.

2 Ill husbandry trudgeth with vnthrifts about,
good husbandry snudgeth for feare of a dout.

3 Ill husbandry spendeth abrode like a mome,
good husbandry tendeth his charges at home.

Ill husbandry selleth his corne on the ground,
good husbandry smelleth no gaine that way found.

5 Ill husbandry loseth for lacke of good fence,
good husbandry closeth and gaineth the pence.

6 Ill husbandry trusteth to him and to hir,
good husbandry lusteth him selfe for to stir.

7 Ill husbandry eateth him selfe out a doore,
good husbandry meateth his frind and the poore.

8 Ill husbandry dayeth or letteth it lye,
good husbandry payeth the cheaper to buy.

9 Ill husbandry lurketh and stealeth a sheepe,
good husbandry worketh his houshold to keepe.

10 Ill husbandry liueth by that and by this,
good husbandry geueth to euery man his.

11 Ill husbandry taketh and spendeth vp all,
good husbandry maketh good shift with a small.

12 Ill husbandry praieth his wife to make shift,
good husbandry sayeth take this of my gift.

13 Ill husbandry drowseth at fortune so awke,
good husbandry rowseth him selfe like a hawke.

14 Ill husbandry lieth in prison for det,
good husbandry spieth wher profit to get.

15 Ill husbandry waies hath to fraude what he can,
good husbandry praise hath of euery man.

16 Ill husbandry neuer hath welth to kepe touche,
good husbandry euer hath peny in pouche.
17 *Good husband his boone or request hath a far,*
ill husbandry assone hath a tode with an R.

¶ A Sonet where plainely ye see,
eche worde to beginne with a T.

THe thrifty that teacheth the thriuing to thriue,
teach timely to trauerse the thing that thou triue
Transferring thy toyle to the times to thee tought,
that teacheth thee tẽperãce to temper thy thought.
Think truely to trauaile, that thinkest to thee,
the trade that the teacher taught truely to thee.
Then temper thy trauaile to tary the tyde,
this teacheth thee thriftinesse twenty times tride.
Take thankfully things, thank tenderly those,
that teacheth thee thriftely thy time to transpose.
Troth teched thee two times, tech ỹ two times ten,
this trade thou that takest, take thrift to thee then.

Thomas Tusser.

A Comparison betweene Champion and Seueral.

THe countrey enclosed I prayse,
the tother liketh not me,

For nothing the welth it doth raise,
to such as inferior be.
Though Champion partly I know,
what nede I much thereof to showe?

2 There swineheard that kepeth the hog
there neatheard with curre & his horne,
There shepeheard with whistle & dog,
be fence to the medowes and corne.
There horse being tayed on a balke,
is ready with theefe for to walke.

3 Where al thing in common doth rest,
corne fielde with the pasture and mede,
Though common thou doe for the best,
yet what doth it stand thee in stede?
There commune as communers doe,
as good else to cobble a shoe.

4 What layer much better than there?
or cheaper (thereon to do well)
What drudgery more any where,
lesse good thereof where can ye tell?
What gotten by Sommer is seene,
that winter there eateth not clene.

5 Example by Leicester shire,
what soile can be better than that,
For any thyng hart can desire,
and yet it doth want ye se what,
Mast, couert, close pasture, and wood,
and other thinges nedefull as good.

6 All these doth enclosure bring,
experience teacheth no lesse,
I speake not to boast of the thing.
but onely a trothe to confesse.
Example (if doubt ye do make)
by Essex and Suffolke go take.

7 More plentie of Mutton and biefe,
corne, butter, and cheese of the best:
More wealthe any where (to be briefe)
more people, more handsome and prest,
Where finde ye? (go search any coast)
than there where enclosure is moast.

8 More worke for the labouring man,
as wel in the towne as the fielde.
Or thereof (deuise if ye can)
More profit What countreys do yelde?
More seldome where se ye the poore,
go begging from doore vnto doore?

9 More profite is quieter found,
(where pastures in seuerall bee)
Of one siely acre of ground,
Then Champion maketh of three.
Again what a ioy is it knowen,
when men may be bolde of their owne.

10 The tone is commended for graine,
yet bread made of beanes they do eate:
The tother for one loafe haue twaine,
of mastlin, of rye, or of wheate.

The

The Champion liueth ful bare,
when woodland full mery doth fare.

11 Tone geueth his corne in a barth
to horse, sheepe and hog ery day,
The tother geue cattel warme barth,
and fede them with strawe and with hay.
Corne spent of the tone so in vaine,
the tother doth sell to his gaine.

12 Tone barefoote and ragged doth go
and ready in Winter to sterue,
When tother ye see do not so,
but hath that is nedefull to serue.
Tone paine in a cottage doth take,
when tother trim bowers doth make.

13 Tone layeth for turffe and for sedge,
and hath it with wonderfull suite,
When other in euery hedge,
hath plenty of fewell and fruite.
Euils twenty times worser then theaſe,
enclosure full quickly would ease.

14 In wodland the poore men that haue,
scarce fully two acres of lande,
More merily liue, and do saue.
than tother with twenty in hand,
yet pay they as muche for the two,
as tother for twenty must do.

15 The labourer comming from thence,
in woodland to worke any where,
(I warrant you) goeth not hence,
to worke any more againe there.
If this same be true (as it is)
why gather they nothing of this?

16 The poore at enclosing do grutch,
because of abuses that fall,
Least some men should haue but to much,
and some againe nothing at all.
If order mought therefore be found,
what were to the seuerall grounde.

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The Preface to

the booke of Huswiferye.

TAke weapon away, of what force is man!
take huswife from husband & what is he than!

2 As louers desireth together to dwel,
so husbandry loueth good husbandry well.

3 Though husbandry seemeth to bring in the gaines
yet huswiferie labours seeme equall in paines.

4 Some respit to husbands the weather doth send
but huswiues affaires hath neuer none ende.

¶ As true as thy fayth,
This Huswifery sayth.

I *Serue for a day, for a weeke for a yere,*
for lyfe time, for euer, while man dwelleth here.
For richer, for porer, from North to the South,
for honest, for hardhed, or daintie of mouth.
For wed, and vnwedded, in sicknes and health,
for all that well liueth in good common wealth.
For Citie, for countrey, for Court and for Cart,
to quiet the head, and to comfort the hart.

To the right honourable and my speciall good Lady and Mistres, the Lady Paget.

Though paine seemeth mickle
and fauour to fickle,
yet good will doth tickle
my pen for to write.
Some knack not vnpretye,
of Huswiferie nettie,
how Huswiues should settie
from morning to night.
Not minding by writing,
to set them a spiting,
but shew by endyting,
as troth may be bolde.
How husbandry easeth,
so huswifery pleaseth,
and many purse greaseth
with siluer and golde.
Because I did feare me
least some would forswere me
of trouth I do beare me
vpright as ye see:
Full bent for to loue all
and not to reproue all
but onely to moue all
good Huswiues to bee.
For if I should minde some
or descant behinde some,
and misse where to finde some,
displease so I mout:
Or if I should blend them
and so to offend them,
what talke God should send thē,
I stand in a dout
As now if I make this
and some do wel take this,
if other forsake this,
what profite were that.
Naught else but to paine me
and nothing to gaine me
but make them disdaine me
I wote not for what.
Least clocke misse with dyall,
least proofe make denial,
least some stand to triall,
some murmure and grudge.
Geue iudgement I pray you
(for iustly so may you)
so fansy so say you,
I make you my iudge.
In time you shal trye me,
by troth you shal spy me,
so finde so set by me,
according to skill.
How euer tree groweth
the fruite the tree sheweth
your Ladyship knoweth
my hart and good will.
Though Fortune doth measure
and I do lacke treasure,
yet if I may pleasure
your honour with this:
Then will mee to mend it,
or mend ere ye sende it,
or any where lend it,
if ought be amisse.

Your Ladyships seruant
Thomas Tusser.

A description of Huswife
and Huswiferye.

OF Huswife doth huswifery challenge that name,
of Huswiferie Huswife doth likewise the same.
Where Husband & Husbandrye ioyneth with these,
there wealth being got is preserued with ease.

The name of a Huswife, what is it to say?
the wife of the house, to the Husband a stay.
If huswife doth that, that belongeth to hir,
if husband be honest there nedeth no stir.

The Huswife is shee that to labour doth fall,
the labour of her I do huswiferie call.
If thrift by that labour be saued or got,
then is it good huswifery, else is it not.

The woman the name of a Huswife doth win,
by keping her house, and her doings therin.
And shee that with husband will quietly dwell,
must think on this lesson and follow it well.

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Tyventie lessons alway to be obserued.

¶Ser ue God is the first,

THe principall point of huswife in deede,
is God to remember the better to speede.

¶True loue is not worst,

2 A very good lesson of huswiferie thought,
is huswife with husband to liue as she ought.

¶wife comely no griefe,

3 Though tricksy to see to, be gallant to wiue,
yet comely and wise is the huswife to thriue.

¶Man out huswife chiefe.

4 The husband abrode, the good wife must be chief
and looke to their labour that eateth her biefe.

¶Both out not allow,

5 Where husband & huswife be both out of place,
ther seruaunts do loyter and reason their case.

¶Keepe house huswife thou.

6 The huswife so named of keping the house,
must tend on her profit as Cat on the Mouse.

¶Seeke home for thy rest

7 As huswiues kepe home and be stirrers about,
so speedeth their winnings, the yere throughout.

¶For home is the best.

8 Though hõe be but homly yet huswifs are taught
that home hath no fellow to such as haue aught.

¶Vse

¶Vse all thing with skill

9 Good vsage with skill, being sober with all,
make huswiues to shine as ý Sunne on the wall.

¶And aske what ye will.

10 What husband refuseth things comly to haue,
that hath a good wife that will huswifly saue.

¶Be ready at neede,

11 The case of good huswiues thus daily doth stand
what euer shall chaunce, to be ready at hand.

¶That thine is to feede.

12 This care hath a huswife ech houre in her hed,
that all thing in time may be huswifely fed.

¶By practise go muse

13 Dame practise is she that to huswife must tell,
which way for to gouerne her family well.

¶How houshold to vse.

14 Vse labourers gently, keepe this as a law,
make childe for to feare thee, kepe seruant in awe.

¶who carelesse do liue

15 Haue euery where a respect to thy wayes,
that none of thy life any slaunder may rayse.

¶Occasion do giue.

16 What many do know, though a time it be hid,
at length will abrode when a mischiefe shall bid.

¶No neighbour reproue.

17 The loue of thy neighbor shall stand thee in stede
the poorer the gladder to helpe at a neede.

¶So

¶So shalt thou haue loue.

18 Vse frendly thy neighbour else trust him in this,
as he hath thy frendship, so trust vnto his.

¶Strike nothing vnknowen

19 Reuenge not thy wroth vpon any mans beast.
least thine by thine enemy come to like feast.

¶Take heede to thine owne.

20 What husband prouideth w̃ money his drudge,
ꝯ hukwife must looke to, which way it doth trudge.

A Digression.

Cocke crowing.

NOw out of the matter this lesson I had,
concerning Cockcrowing, what profit is had.
Experience teacheth as true as a clock,
how winter nightes passeth by marking the Cocke.
At midnight one Cocke croweth timely but sir,
with pause to his neighbour to aunswer betwix.
At three a clocke thicker, and then as ye knowe,
like all in to mattens nere day they do crowe.
At midnight, at three, and an houre ere day,
Cocks crow in their language and thus they do say

¶If noyse ye do here
looke al things be clere

Chaunt midnight aunswer.

How dame it is midnight, what rubbing is that:
take hede to false harlots, and more ye wote what.

¶Both mayden and man.
mend now what ye can.

Maydes

Maids.iii.a clok, knede, lay your bucks or go brew
and cobble and botch ye that can not buy new.

Chant Three a clocke.

Mayde vp I beseeche you
least Mistres do breeche you.

Past fiue a clock holla mayde sleping beware,
least quickly thy dame do vncouer thy bare.

Answere Chant Toward daye Answere

Count labour halfe wonne
that earely is donne.
Count gaine halfe lost,
with watching cost.

A hundred good pointes of Huswiferye.

¶No soner Sunne vp,

GEt vp in the morning as soone as thou wilt,
with ouer long slugging good seruant is spilt.

morning.

¶But nose in the cup.

2 Some slouens from sleping no soner be vp,
but hand is in Amberie, and nose in the cup.

¶That earely is done,

3 Some works in the morning may trimly be done
that al the day after can neuer be wonne.

¶Count huswifely wonne.

4 Good husband without maketh welthy and fat,
good huswife within is as nedeful as that.

¶Cast dust in the yarde.

5 Sluttes corners auoided, shal farther thy health,
much time about trifles shall hinder thy wealth.

¶Go spin and go carde.

6 Set some about charning, some seething of souse,
some carding, som spinning, som trimming vp house

¶Do as ye shall thinke,

7 Set som to grind mault, or thy russhes to twine,
let some to peele hempe, or to seething of brine.

¶Let meat neuer stinke,

8 Som corneth, som brineth, som wil not be taught
wher meat taketh vent, ther the huswife is naught.

¶To breakfast that come,

Brekfast 9 Call seruants to breakfast by day starre appere,
a snatch and to worke fellowes, tarry not here.

¶Geue euery one some.

10 Let huswife be caruer, let pottage be eate,
a dishfull eche one with a morsell of meate.

¶No more tittle tattle,

11 What tack in a pudding saith gredy gut wringer
giue such ye wote what, ere a pudding, my finger.

¶To seruing your cattle.

Fore nõe workes. 12 Let seruants once serued, thy cattle go serue,
else master and mistresse may quickly go sterue.

¶Learne you that will thee,

13 No breakfast of custome prouide for to saue,
but onely to such as deserueth to haue.

¶Some daintie will bee.

14 No shewing to seruant what vitailes in store,
shew seruants their labour & shew them no more.

¶Of

¶ Of hauock beware,

15 Wher al things is common, what nedeth a hutch
where wanteth a sauer, there hauock is much.

False Cattes will not spare.

16 Wher windows stãd open ẏ cattes make a fray
yet wild cats with two legs are worser then they.

¶ Looke well vnto thine,

17 An eye in a corner who vseth to haue,
reueleth a drab, and preuenteth a knaue.

¶ Slut slouthfull must whine.

18 Make maide to be clenly, or make her crye creake
& teach her to stirre when her mistresse doth speake.

¶ Let holly wand threat,

19 A wand in thy hand though ye fight not at al,
make youth to their businesse the better to fall.

¶ Let fisgig be beat.

20 For feare of a foole had I wist cause thee to wail
let fisgig be taught to shut doore after taile.

¶ To easy the wicket,

21 With her that will clicket, make daunger to cope,
least happily her wicket be easy to ope.

¶ will still appease clicket.

22 As rod littell mendeth where maners be spilt,
so naught wilbe nought say & do what thou wilt.

¶ Fight seldome ye shall

23 Much brauling w̃ seruants what man can abide
pay home when thou fightest but loue not to chide.

¶Loue neuer to brall.

24. As order is heauenly where quiet is had,
so errour is hell, or a mischiefe as bad.

¶what better lawe.

25 Such law as a warning will cause to beware,
doth make the whole house the better to fare.

¶To seruants than awe.

26 The lesse of thy counsel thy seruants doth know
their duetie the better such seruants shall showe.

¶Good musicke regarde,

27 Such seruants are often both paineful & good,
that sing in their labour like birdes in the wood.

¶Good seruaunts rewarde.

28 Good seruants hope iustly some frēdship to fele,
and looke to haue fauour what time they do wele.

¶By one time or twise

29 Take runnagate Robins to pittie their neede,
and looke to be filched as true as thy Creede.

¶Is good to be wise.

30 Take warning by once, that a worse do not hap,
foresight is the stopper of many a gap.

¶Some chaunge for a shift.

31 Make few of thy councel to change for the best
least one that is trudging in fetching the rest.

¶Much chaunge little thrift.

32 The stone that is rolling can gather no Mosse,
for Masters & maydes by oft changing is losse.

¶Both

¶Both liberal sticketh.

33 One Dog for a Hog, and one Cat for a Mouse,
one ready to geue is inough in a house.

¶Some prouender pricketh.

34 One gift ill accepted, kepe next in thy purse,
whom prouender pricketh are often the wurse.

¶Brewe somewhat for thine.

35 Where brewer is nedeful be brewer thy selfe,
what filleth the roofe, wil helpe furnish thy shelfe,

¶Else bring vp no swine.

36 In buying thy drink by the firkin or Pot,
the score doth arise, the Hogge profiteth not.

¶well brewed worth cost.

37 One bushel wel brewed, out lasteth some twaine
two troubles for one thing is cost to no gaine.

¶Ill vsage halfe lost.

38 Too new is no profit, too stale is as bad,
drink sower or dead maketh husband halfe mad.

¶Remember good Gill.

39 Put graines to more water while graines be yet (hot,
& seeth thē & stur them as otemeale in pot.

¶Take paine with thy swill,

40 Though heating be costly, such swil yet in store,
shall profit thy porklings a hundreth times more.

¶New bred is the Diuell.

41 New bread is a waster, but mouldy is wurse,
what Dog getteth that way that loseth the purse.

¶Much

¶Much crouſt is as euill.

42 Much dowbake I praiſe not, much cruſt is as ill
the meane is the huſwife, ſay nay if ye will.

¶Good dayry doth eaſe,

43 Good ſeruant in dayry that neede s not be tolde,
deſerueth her fee to be payde her in golde.

¶Good cokery doth pleaſe.

44 Good Cooke to dreſſe dinner, to bake & to brew,
is better then golde being honeſt and true.

¶Good droy yong or olde,

45 Good droy to ſerue hogs, to help waſh & to milk,
is ſome time as nedefull as ſome in their ſilke.

¶Good whitemeat worth golde.

46 Kepe dayry houſe clenly, kepe pan ſwete & colde
kepe butter and cheeſe to looke yellow as golde.

¶Make clenly thy guttes,

47 Saue charmmilk, ſaue Welcord, ſaue pudding &
ſuch offal doth ſtop many gaps in a houſe. (ſouſe,

¶And learne to know ſluttes.

48 Though homely be milker, let clenly be Cooke,
for dropnoſe and ſlut may be knowen by their looke

¶In dayry no Cat,

49 Thoughe Cat being good is a iewel in houſe,
yet euer in dayry haue trappe for a mouſe.

¶Lay Bane for a Rat.

50 Take hede how thou layeſt the bane for the rats,
for poyſoning ſeruants, thy ſelfe and thy brattes.

¶No

¶No scouring for pride,

51 Though scouring be nedeful, yet scourig to much
is pride without profit, and robbeth thine hutch.

¶Kepe Kettle whole side.

52 Kepe kettels from knocks, & set tubs out of sunne
for mending is costly, and crackt is soone done.

¶Take hede when ye wash,

53 Maides wash wel & wring wel, but beate ye wot
if any lacke beating, I feare it be you. (how

¶Else runne in the lash.

54 In washing by hand, haue an eye to thy boll,
for Launders and millers be quicke of their toll.

¶Drye Sunne or drye winde,

55 Go wash well saieth Homer, w̃ sunne I shall dry,
go wring wel saith winter, with winde so shall I.

¶Safe binde and safe finde.

56 To trust without hede is to venter a ioint,
giue tale and take count is a huswifely point.

¶where none fall a packing,

57 Whē hēnes fal a cackling, take hede to their nest,
when drabbes fall a whistring take hede to the rest.

¶There nothing is lacking.

58 What Husbands refuseth things comely to haue
that hath a good wife that will huswifely saue.

¶Yll made better left,

59 The place may be so, & the kill may be such,
to make thine owne mault, shal profit thee much.

¶wood

¶wood dried hath a weft.

60 Som drieth with ſtraw, & ſom drieth w̄ wood,
wood asketh more charge, & yet nothing ſo good.

¶Let Mault be made well,

61 Mault being wel ſpered the more it wil caſt,
mault being wel dried the longer wil laſt.

¶Take hede to thy kell.

62 Let Gillet be ſinging, it doth very well,
to kepe her from ſleping and burning the kell.

¶For hunger or thirſt.

63 By noone let your dinner be ready and neate,
let meat tarry ſeruant not ſeruant his meat.

¶Dreſſe cattel well firſt.

64 The plough teme a baiting, cal ſeruãts to dinner:
the thicker, ſo much be the chargeſt the thinner.

¶Together is beſt,

65 Dewe ſeaſon is beſt, altogether is gay,
diſpach hath no fellow, make ſhort & away.

¶For hoſtis and geſt.

66 Beware of Gill laggoſe diſordring thy houſe,
more dainties who catcheth thē crafty fed Mouſe.

¶Let ſuch haue inough,

67 Giue ſeruants no dainties, but giue thē inough,
to many chaps walking doth begger the plough.

¶That follow the plough.

68 Poore ſeggons halfe ſterued work faintly & dul,
and lubbers do loyter, their bellies to full.

¶Giue

¶Geue neuer to much,

69 Feede lazie that thresh a flap and a tap,
like slouthfull that all day be stopping a gap.

¶To lubbers and such,

70 Some housholdly lubber more eateth then two,
yet leaueth vndone that a stranger will doe.

¶Spare such as thou hast,

71 Some cutteth thy linnẽ, some spilleth their broth
bare table to some doth as well as a cloth.

¶where nothing will last.

72 Trene dishes doth wel, woddẽ spões go to wrak
where stone is no laster, take tankard and iacke.

¶Knap boy on the thumbes,

73 That pewter is neuer for manerly feast,
that dayly doth serue an vnmanerly beast.

¶And saue him his crummes.

74 Som gnaweth & leueth sõe crusts & som crums,
eat such their own leuigs, or gnaw their own thũbs

¶Serue God euer furst,

75 At Dinner, at Supper, at Morning at Night,
geue thanks vnto God for his giftes in thy sight.

¶Take nothing at wurst.

76 Good husband and huswife will some time alone
dine well with a morsell and suppe with a bone.

¶Enough thou art tolde,

77 Three dishes well dressed, & welcome withall,
both pleaseth thy frende and beconmeth thine Hal.

¶ To much will not holde.

78 Enough is a plentie, too much is a pride,
vnskilfull the holder, plough goeth asyde.

¶ Make company breake,

After none woorkes.

79 When Dinner is ended set seruauntes to worke
and follow such marchants as loueth to lurke.

¶ Go cherishe the weake.

80 To seruant in sicknes see nothing ye grutch,
a thing of a trifle shall comfort him much.

¶ who many do feede,

81 Put chipping in dippings, vse parings to saue
fat Capons or Hennes ye that looke for to haue.

¶ Saue much they had neede.

82 Saue drippings and skimmings how euer ye do
for medicine, for cattle, for Carte, and for shoo.

¶ Leaue Capon vnmeete,

83 All okcorne thy pulleine must haue for their fee,
feede willingly such as do helpe to feede thee.

¶ Fat costly vnsweete.

84 Though fat fed be daintie, of this I thee warne
be cunning in fatting for robbing thy barne.

¶ Peece hole to defend,

85 Good semesters be sowing of fine prety knackes
good huswiues be mending & peecing their sackes.

¶ Thinges timely-amend.

86 Though making & mending be huswifely waies
yet mending in time is the huswife to prayse.

¶ Buy

¶Buy new as ye may,

87 Though Ladies may rend & buy new ery day,
good huswiues must mend & buy new as they may.

¶Lose nothing I say.

88 Call quarterly seruants to court and to lete,
write euery Couerlet, Blanket and Shete,

¶Shift slouenly elfe,

89 Though shifting too oft be a theefe in a house,
yet shift good man slouen for feare of a louse.

¶Be Gaoler thy selfe.

80 Graunt doubtful no key of his chāber in purse,
least Chamber doore lockt be to thiefrie a Nurse.

¶Saue fethers for gest,

91 Saue wing for thresher when Gander doth dye,
saue feathers of all thing the softer to lye.

¶These fower rob chest.

92 Much spice is a thiefe, so is candle and Fier,
swete sause is as craftie as euer was Frier.

¶wife make thine owne candle,

93 Prouide for thy tallow ere Frost commeth in,
and make thine owne Candle ere winter begin.

¶Leaue peny to handle.

94 If peny for al thing be suffred to trudge,
trust long not to peny, to haue him thy drudge.

¶Time drawing to night,

95 Whē hēns go to house, set thy cooke to dres meat
some milke, & serue hogs, and set some to serue neat.

¶ See al things go right.

96 Wher twain be inough, be not serued with three
more knaues in a company worser they be.

¶ Make lackie to trudge,

97 For euery trifle leaue iauncing thy Nagge,
but rather make Lacky of Jack boy thy Nagge.

¶ Make seruant thy drudge.

98 Make seruant at night, lug in wood or a Log,
let none come in emptie but slutte and thy Dog.

¶ False knaue ready prest,

99 Where pullein vse nightly to pearch in the yarde
there two legged Foxes kepe watches and ward.

¶ All wel is the best.

100 See cattel well serued without and within,
and all thing at quiet ere Supper begin.

¶ Take heede it is needefull,

Euening woorkes.

101 No clothes in gardein, no trinkets without,
no doore left vnbolted for feare of a doubt.

¶ True pitie is meedefull.

102 Thou woman whom pitie becommeth thee best
graunt all that hath laboured, time to take rest.

¶ Vse mirth and good woorde,

Supper

103 Prouide for thy husbād to make him good chere
make mery together while time ye bee here.

¶ At bed and at boorde.

104 At bed and at borde how soeuer be fall,
what euer God sendeth be mery withall.

¶ No

¶No skirmishing make,

105 No taunts before seruãts for hindring thy fame
no iarring too loude for auoiding of shame,

¶No ielousie take.

106 As fransie and heresie roueth together,
so ielousie leadeth a foole ye wote whether.

¶Rewarde as ye haue,

107 Yong children & chickens would euer be eating
good seruants looke duely for gentle entreating.

¶No talkatiue knaue.

108 No seruaunt at table vse sausly to talke,
least tongue set at large out of measure do walke.

¶No snatching at all,

109 No lurching, no snatching, nor striuing at all,
least one go without and another haue all.

¶Sirs harken now all.

110 Declare after Supper, take heede thereunto, Woorkes after supper
what worke in the morning eche seruant shal do.

¶Thy soule hath a clog,

111 Remẽber those children whose parẽts be poore,
which hunger, yet dare not to craue at thy doore.

¶Forget not thy Dog.

112 Thy bandog that serueth for diuers mishappes,
forget not to geue him thy bones and thy scrappes.

¶Make keyes to be kepers,

113 Where mouthes be many to spend that thou hast
set keyes to be kepers for spending to fast.

¶To

¶ To bed drousie slepers.

114 To bed after supper, let drousie go sleepe,
least knaue in the darke to his marrow do creepe.

¶ Kepe keyes as thy lyfe,

115 Such keyes lay vp safe ere ye take ye to rest,
of dayry, of Buttery of Cupborde and Chest.

¶ Feare candle good wife.

116 Feare candle in hay loft in Barne and in Shed,
feare flea smock, & mēdbreech, for burning their bed

¶ Night workes trouble hed,

117 The day willeth done what so euer ye bid,
the night is a theefe if ye take not good hede.

¶ Locke doores and to bed.

118 Wash dishes, lay leauens, saue fyer and away,
locke doores and to bed a good huswife will say.

¶ To bed know thy guise,

119 In winter at nyne, & in Sommer at tenne,
to bed after Supper both maydens and menne.

¶ To rise so do likewise.

120 In winter at fiue a clocke seruant arise,
in Sommer at fower is euer the guise.

Liue well and long,
forbeare now among.

Be lowly not solen if ought go amisse,
what wresting may lose thee, that win with a kisse.
Both heare and forbeare now and then as ye may,
then Wenche God a mercy thy husband will say.

FINIS.

This

This would not be slept,
olde guise must be kept.

GGod Huswiues whō God hath enriched enough Feasting dayes.
forget not the feastes that belong to the Plough,
The meaning is onely to ioy and be glad,
for comfort with labour would sometime be had.

¶Plough Munday.

Plough Munday, the next after Twelftide be past At twelftide
biddeth out w̄ the plough, the worst husbād is last.
If Ploughman get hatchet or whip to the skreene,
maydes loseth their Cocke if no Water be seene.

¶Shroftide.

At shroftide to shrouing, go thresh the fatte Henne, At shroftide
if blindefilde can kill it then geue it thy menne.
Maides fritters and pancakes inough see ye make,
let slutte haue one pancake for company sake.

¶Sheepe shering.

Wife make vs a feast, spare flesh neither corne, At midsomer.
make Wafers & cakes, for our shepe must be shorne.
At shepe shering neighbours no other thing craue,
but good chere and welcom like neighbors to haue.

¶The wake day.

To Duen with the flawns mayd, passe not for slepe Wake day.
to morow thy father his wake day shal kepe:
Then trimly go daunce with what Louer ye will,
though loue make you beaten, kepe Louer yet stil.

¶Harueſt

¶Harueſt home.

In Auguſt. For all this good feasting yet art thou not looſe,
till thou geue the Ploughman in harueſt his gooſe.
Though gooſe go in ſtubble, yet paſſe not for that,
let gooſe haue a gooſe be ſhee leane be ſhee fat.

¶Seede Cake.

At Hallomaſſe. Wife ſometime this weeke if that al thing go cleare
an ende of wheat ſowing we make for this yeare.
Remember you therefore, though I do it not,
the Seede Cake, the Paſties, and Furmenty pot.

¶Twiſe a weke roſt.

Twiſe a weeke roſt. Good Ploughmen looke wekely of cuſtome & right
for roſtmeat on Sundaies & Thurſdaies at night.
Thus doing and keping ſuch cuſtome and guiſe,
they call thee good huſwife, they loue thee likewiſe.

The good huſwifely Phiſicke.

GOod huſwiues prouide ere an ſicknes do come,
of ſundry good things in her houſe to haue ſome.
Good Aqua compoſita, Vineger tart,
Roſe water and Treacle to comfort the hart.
Colde herbes in her Gardein for Agues that burne,
that ouer ſtrong heat to good temper may turne.
With Endiue and Suckery, with Spinage inough
al ſuch w̃ good pot herbes ſhould follow ẏ plough.
Get water of Fumetory, Lyuer to coole,
and others the like, or els go like a foole.

Conſerue

Conserue of Barbery, Quinces and such,
with Sirops that easeth the sickly so much.
Ask Medicus councel ere medicine ye make, Phisition
and honour that man for necessities sake.
Though thousands hate Phisicke because of ỳ cost,
yet thousands it helpeth that else should be lost.
Good broth & good keeping doth much now & than
good diet with wisedome best helpeth a man. good diet
In health to be sturring shall profit thee best,
in sickenesse hate trouble, seeke quiet and rest.
Remember thy soule, let no fansie preuaile, Think on
make ready to Godward let hart neuer quaile. thy soule
The sooner thy selfe thou submittest to God, Haue a
the sooner he ceaseth to scourge with his rod. good hert

The good motherly Nusserye.

Good huswiues take paine, & do count it good luck Mother
to make their own brests their own child to giue suk best nurse
Though wrauling & rocking be noysome so neare,
yet lost by ill nursing is worser to heare.
But one thing I warne thee, let huswife be nurse,
least husband doth find thee to frank with his purse
What hilbacke and fill belly maketh away, Hilbak &
that help to make good, or else looke for afray. fill belly
Giue childe that is fitly giue baby the bigge, Big and
giue hardenes to youth and giue ripe a twigge the twig.
We finde it not spoken so often for naught,
that children were better vnborne than vntaught.
Som Cockneis with cocking are made very fooles
fit neither for prentice, for plough or for schooles.

Teach child to aske blessing, serue God & to church,
then blesse as a mother: else blesse him with burch.
Thou huswife thus doing what further shal nede,
but al men to call thee good huswife in dede.

Thinke on the poore,

REmember the poore, that for Gods sake do cal
for God both rewardeth and blesseth with all.
Take this in good part, what so euer thou dee
and wish me no worse than I wishe vnto thee.

FINIS.

For men a perfect warning,
what childe shall come by learning.

ALl you that faine would learne a perfect way,
to haue your childrē in musick some thing sene:
Aske Nature first what thereto she doth say
ere further sute ye make to such a Queene.
For doubtlesse Grossum caput is not he,
of whom the learned Muses seene will bee.

Once tried that nature trim hath done her part,
and Lady Musicke farre in loue withall:
Be wise who first doth teach thy childe that art,
least homely breaker marre fine ambling Ball.
Not rod in madbraines hand is that can helpe,
but gentle skill doth make the proper whelpe.

Where choise is harde, count good for wel a fine,
skill mixt with will, is he that teacheth best:
Let this suffise for teaching childe of thine,
chuse quickly well for all thy lingering rest.
Mistaught at first how seldome proueth well!
trim taught (O God) how shortly doth excell!

Although as shippes must tarry winde and tide,
and perfect howers abide their stinted time:
So likewise, though of learning (daily tride)
space must be had ere witte may thereto clime:
Yet easie steps, and perfect way to trust,
doth cause good speede, confesse of force we must.

Thus in the chylde though wit inough we finde,
and teacher good neare hand, or other where:
And time as apt as may be thought with minde,
nor cause in such thing much to doubt or feare:
Yet cocking Mams, & shifting Dads from schooles
make pregnant wittes to proue vnlearned fooles.

Ere learnyng come, to haue first art thou taught,
apt learning childe, apt time that thing to frame,
Apt cunning man to teach, else all is naught.
apt parents glad to bring to passe the same.
On such apt ground the Muses loue to builde,
this lesson learne: adye we else learned childe.

A Sonet to the Lady Paget.

SOme pleasures take, and can not geue,
but onely make poore thanks their shift:
Some meaning well in det do liue,
and cannot tell how else to shift.
Some knock and faine would ope the doore,
to learne the vaine good turne to prayse:
Some shew good face, and be but poore,
yet haue a grace good fame to rayse.
Some owe and geue, yet still in det,
and so must liue for oughte I knowe:
Some wishe to pay and cannot get,
but night and day still more do owe.
Euen so must I for pleasures past,
still wish you good, while life doth last.

A Comparison betwene good Huswifery and euill.

Comparing together good huswifery and bad,
The knowledge of either the better is had.

1 IL huswiferie lyeth till nine of the clocke,
good huswiferie trieth to rise with the Cocke.

2 Ill huswiferie tooteth to make her selfe braue,
good huswiferie looketh what houshold must haue.

3 Ill huswiferie trusteth to him and to hir,
good huswiferie lusteth her selfe for to stir.

4 Ill huswiferie cares not for this nor for that,
good huswiferie spareth for feare ye wote what.

5 Ill

5 Ill huswiferie pricketh her selfe vp in pride,
good huswiferie tricketh her house as a bride.

6 Ill huswiferie o thinge or other must craue,
good huswiferie nothing but nedefull will haue.

7 Ill huswiferie moueth with gosseps to spend,
good huswiferie loueth her houshold to tend.

8 Ill huswiferie wanteth with spending too fast,
good huswiferie scanteth the lenger to last.

9 Ill huswiferie easeth her selfe with vnknowne,
good huswiferie pleaseth her selfe with her owne.

10 Ill huswiferie brooketh mad toies in her hed,
good huswiferie looketh that al things be fed.

11 Ill huswiferie bringeth a shilling to naught,
good huswiferie singeth her cofers al fraught.

12 Ill huswiferie renteth and casteth a side,
good huswiferie mendeth, else would it go wide.

13 Ill huswiferie swepeth her linnen to gage,
good huswiferie kepeth to serue her in age.

14 Ill huswiferie craueth in secret to borrowe,
good huswiferie saueth to day for to morrow.

15 Ill huswiferie pineth (not hauing to eate)
good huswiferie dineth with plentie of meate.

16 Ill huswiferie letteth the Diuell to take all,
good huswiferie settsth good brag of a small.

17 *Good huswife good fame hath of best in the towne,*
yll huswife ill name hath of euery Clowne.

FINIS.

Husbandly posies for the hall.

FRend here I dwell, and here I haue a little worldly pelfe:
which on my frend I kepe to spend, as well as on my selfe.

2 What euer fare thou hap to finde, take welcome for the best:
that hauing then, disdaine thou not, for wanting of the rest.

3 Backbyting talke, the flattering blabs, know wily how to bligge
the wise doth note, the frend doth hate, the enmie will reuenge.

4 The wise will spend, or geue & lend, yet kepe or haue in store,
if fooles may haue from hand to mouth, they pas vpon no more.

5 Where ease is sought, at legth we see, that plenty wareth scāt:
who careleſse liue, go borow must, or else full often want.

6 The world doth think the wealthy mā is he that least shal nede
but God doth know the vertuous man is he that best shall spede.

Posies for the parler.

AS hatred is the Serpents noysome rod,
so frendship is the louyng gift of God.

2 The dronken frend is frendship very euill,
the frantike frend, is frendship for the Deuill.

3 The quiet frend al one in worde and dede,
great comfort is like ready golde at neede.

4 With brauling fooles, that wrall for euery wrong
firme frendship neuer can continue long.

5 In time that man shal seldome frendship misse,
that wayeth what thing, touch kept in frendship is,

8 Oft times a frend is got with easie cost,
which vsed euill, is oft as quickly lost.

7 Hast thou a frend as hart may wish at will?
then vse him so to haue his frendship still.

8 Wouldst haue a frend? wouldst know what frend is best?
haue God thy frende, who passeth al the rest.

Posies for the geastes Chamber.

THe slouen and the careless man, the roynish nothing nice,
to lodge in chamber comely deckt, are seldome suffred twice.

2 With curteine some make scabert clene, with couerlet their sho
all dirt and mire some wallow bed, as spaniels loue to doe.

3 Though bootes & spurs be nere so foule what passeth som therō
what place they foile, what thing they teare, by tumbling therupō.

4 Foule male some cast on faire borde, be carpet nere so cleene,
what maners careless master hath, by knaue his man is seene.

5 Some make the Chimney chamber pot, to smel like filthy sinke
yet who so bolde so soone to say, fough how these howses stinke.

6 Then therfore such as make no force, what clēly thing they spil
must haue a kabben like them selues, although against their will.

7 But gentlemen wil gently do, where gentlenesse is shewed,
obseruing this, with loue abide, or else hence al beshrewed.

Posies for thine owne bed

Chamber.

1 What wisdō more, what better life, thā pleseth God to lēd
what worldy goods, what lōger vse thā pleseth god to lēd

2 What better fare then well content, what mirth to quiet welth,
what better gest than trusty frend, in sicknes and in helth.

3 What better bed than quiet rest, to passe the night with sleepe,
what better worke than dayly care, frō sinne thy selfe to keepe.

4 What better thought then think on God, & dayly him to serue
what better gift than to the poore, that ready be to sterue.

5 What greater prayse of God and man, than hatred to forsake,
what mercylesse shall mercy get, that mercy none will take.

6 What worse dispaire than loth to die, for feare to go to Hell,
what greter faith than trust in god, through christ in heuē to dwel.

Principall pointes of Religion.

1 TO pray to God continually,
2 To learne to know him rightfully
3 To honour God in Trinitie,
The Trinitie in Unitie,
The Father in his Maiestie,
The Sonne in his humanitie,
The Holy Ghostes benignitie,
three persons one in Deitie.
4 To serue him alway holily.
5 To aske him all thing nedefully,
6 To prayse him alway worthely.
7 To loue him alway stedfastly.
8 To dread him alway fearefully,
9 To aske him mercy hartely.
10 To trust him alway faithfully.
11 To obey him alway willingly.
12 To abide him alway paciently.
13 To thank him alway fatherly.
14 To liue here alway vertuously.
15 To vse thy neighbour honestly.
16 To looke for death still presently,
17 To helpe the poore in miserye.
18 To hope for heauens felicitie.
19 To haue faith, hope, and charitie.
20 To count this life but vanitie.
be pointes of Christianitie.

The Husband mannes beliefe.

THis is my stedfast Creede, my faith and al my trust,
that in the heauens there is a God, most mighty, true & iust,
That made the hanging Skies, so deckt with diuers lightes,
of darknesse made the therefull daies, and all our restful nights.
That clad this earth with herbe, with trees of sundry fruites,
with beast, with bird, both wild & tame, of strange & sundry suites.
That intermirt the same, with mynes (like veines of Ore)
of siluer, golde, or precious stones, and treasures many more.
3 That toyned brookes to Dales, to Hilles fresh water springes:
with Ryuers sweete alonges the Medes to profite many things.
That made the hory Frostes, the flaky Snowes so trim,
the hony Dewes, the blustering winde to serue as pleseth him.
4 That made the surging Seas, in course to ebbe and flowe:
that skilfull man with sayling shippe, mought trauell to and fro.
And stored so the same, for mans vnthankfull sake,
that euery nation vnder heauen, mought thereby profit take.
5 That sendeth thundring claps, like terrors out of Hell,
that man may know what God it is that in the heuens doth dwel
That sendeth threatning plagues to kepe our liues in awe,
his benefits if we forget, or do contempne his lawe.
6 This is that Lorde of hostes, the father of vs all,
the maker of what ere was made, my God on whom I call.
Which for the loue of man, sent downe his onely Sonne,
begot of him before the worldes were any whit begonne.
7 This entred Maries wombe, as faith affirmeth sure,
conceyued by the Holy ghost, borne of that virgin pure.
This was both God and man, of Iewes the hoped king,
and liued here, sane onely sinne, like man in euery thing.
8 This was that virgins childe, that same most holy Priest,
the lamb of God ỳ Prophet great, whom scripture calleth Christ.
This that Messias was, of whom the Prophet spake,
that shoul treade down the Serpents hed, & our attonemẽt make.

9 Thys

9 This Judas did betray to false dissemblyng Jewes:
Which vnto Pilate being Judge, did falsely him accuse.
Who (through that wicked Judge) and of those Jewes dispighte,
condempned and tormented was with al the power they might.
10 To liuing wight more ill what could such wretches do?
more percing wounds, more bitter paines, thē they did put him to.
They crowned him with thorne that was the king of kings,
that thought to saue the soule of man aboue al worldly thinges.
11 This was the Pascall lambe, whose loue for vs so stoode,
that on the mount of Caluerine, did shed for vs his blood.
Where hanging on the Crosse, no shame he did forsake,
till death geuen him by percing speare, an end of life did make.
12 This Joseph seing dead, the body thence did craue,
and tooke it forthwith from the Crosse, & layde it in his graue.
Downe thence he went to Hell, in vsing there his will,
his soule I meane, his slayed cors, in Tombe remayning still.
13 From death to life againe, the thirde day this did rise,
and seene on earth to his elect, times oft in sundry wise.
And after into heauen, ascende hee did in sight,
and sitteth on the right hand there of God the father of might.
14 Where for vs wretches all, his father he doth pray,
to take respect vnto his death, and put our sinnes away.
From thence with sounded trump, which noise al men shal dread,
he shall returne with glory againe, to iudge the quick and dead.
15 Then shall that voice be heard, come come ye good to mee,
get you to Hell you workers euill where paine shall euer bee.
This is that louing Christ, which I my Sauiour call,
and onely put my trust in him, and in none else at all.
16 In God the Holy ghost, I firmely do beleue,
which from the Father & the Sonne proceding, life doth geue.
Which by the Prophets spake, which doth al comfort send,
which I do trust shalbe my guide, when this my life shal end.
A holy Catholik Church, on earth I graunt there is,
& those which frame their liues by that, shall neuer speede amisse.

The head whereof is Christ, his word the chiefest post,
preseruer of this Temple great, is God the Holy ghost.
18 I do not doubt, there is a multitude of Saintes,
more good is don resembling them, then shewing thē our plaints.
Their faith and works in Christ, that glory them did geue,
which glory we shall likewise haue, if likewise we do liue.
19 At God of Heauen there is forgiuenes of our sinnes,
through Christes death, through faith in it, & through none other (gins
If we (whiles here we liue) repentant mercy craue,
through stedfast hope and faith in Christ, forgeuenes we shal haue
20 I hope and trust vpon the rysing of the flesche,
this corps of mine (that first must dye) shall rise againe afreshe.
The body and soule euen then, in one shall ioyned be:
as Christ did rise from deth to life, euen so through Christ shal we.
21 As Christ is glorified, and neuer more shal die,
As Christ ascended is to heauen, through Christ euen so shal I.
As Christ I count my head, and I a member of his:
so God I trust for Christes sake, shall settle me in blisse.
Thus here we learne of God, that there be persons three,
the Father, Sonne, the Holy Ghost, one God in trinitie.
In substance all like one, one God, one Lorde, one might:
whose persons yet we do deuide, and so we may by right.
As God the father is, the maker of vs all:
so God the Sonne redemer is, to whom for helpe we call.
And God the Holy ghost, doth make vs pure and clene:
and moueth vs to waile for grace, we being ouerseene.
This is that God of Gods, whom euery soule should loue:
whom all mens hearts should quake for feare, his wrath on thē to (moue
That this same mightie God, aboue all other chiefe,
shall saue my soule from dolefull Hell, is all my whole beliefe.

Of the omnipotencie of God and debilitie of man.

O God thou glorious God what God is like to thee,
what life, what strēgth is like to thine, as al ẏ world may see:
Thy heauens, thine earth, thy Seas, and all thy workes therein,
do shew to whō thou wouldest to know what thou hast euer ben.
2 But al the thoughts of man are bent to wretched euils,
man doth commit Idolatry, bewitched of the Diuels.
What euill is left vndone, where man may haue his will:
man euer was an hipocrite, and euer wil be still.
3 What dayly watch is made, the soule of man to sle,
by *Lucifer*, by *Belsabub*, *Mammon*, and *Asmode*.
In diuelish pride, in wrath, in coueting too much,
in fleshly lust, the time is spent, the life of man is such.
4 The ioy that here he hath, is as a sparke of fier,
his acts be like the smoldering smoke, him selfe but dirt and mier:
His strength euen as a Reede, his age like to the flower,
his breath or life is but a puffe, vncertein euery hower.
5 But for the Holy ghost, and for his giftes of grace,
the death of Christ, the mercy great, man were in woful case.
O graunt therefore Lorde me tamend that is amisse,
and when from hence we do depart, to rest with thee in blisse.

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